



The Upper Harbour Local Board area Upper Harbour Local Board includes Whenuapai, Herald Island and Hobsonville in the west, and Paremoremo, Greenhithe, Albany, Rosedale, Northcross, Unsworth and Pinehill in the east.

It is home to the one business improvement district.



## Strong support of sole BID

Upper Harbour Local Board (UHLB) Chair **Margaret Miles**, *pictured*, is a big fan of the business association running the commercial precinct's BID programme.

The Business North Harbour (BNH)-led programme has been led for the past eight years by the experienced Janine Brinsdon, who stepped down in March.

“Our local board has worked closely with Janine and her team over many years. They (BNH) have done so well to meet the needs of their membership,” says Margaret, who is the UHLB’s alternate ‘BID rep’ (we spoke with the board’s LB rep Lisa Whyte two years ago). [READ](#)

The BID programme established in 2008 by the entity formerly known as ABBA (Albany Basin Business Association) has expanded its boundary twice: in 2013 and then again in 2016.



### How local boards impact BIDs

- The local board approves the establishment and expansion of all BID programmes
- Local boards are delegated the authority to recommend to the governing body to strike the BID targeted rate in its area as part of the Annual Plan process
- Local boards maintain regular contact with the business association operating the BID programme to keep their local economic development and other interests aligned
- The board may appoint a local board BID representative to the executive committee of each BID/business association to serve as a conduit of information to and from council.



## Transport: a key issue for the precinct



The [Northern Corridor Improvement Project](#) will create an uninterrupted motorway-to-motorway connection along the Western Ring Route – the Hobsonville, Northwestern and Southwestern Motorways (SHs 18, 16 and 20) - between Albany and Manukau to the south, upgrading the Upper Harbour Highway to a motorway, and extending the Northern Busway from Constellation to the Albany park-and-ride station.

Margaret says the UHLB and BNH often align their submissions to entities such as NZTA.

“We generally share the same views and want the same results,” says the woman who has previously served on the transport agency’s northern corridor working group.

Margaret and/or Lisa typically attend the BNH AGMs to hear the results of the (financial) year just passed and the plans over the following 12 months.

“We keep a fairly hands-off approach to our dealings with (BNH) because we’ve never felt we needed a heavy approach. They have both capacity (a management team of six) and capability at both management and governance levels,” she said.

Janine Brinsdon, pictured, and BNH Chair Peter Lamberton, also pictured, presented to the UHLB in early March, the formal alignment discussion between BID and local board.

We interviewed Peter last year and asked him about BNH’s strategic planning and how the BID sets its priorities.

“We have a symbiotic relationship. . . (we) very closely watch (UHLB) to understand its strategic direction and how its decisions will impact our community,” he said.

Peter expressed a wish to meet with the local board, forming closer governance-to-governance connections.

The sustained growth in the upper (north-west) harbour area presents opportunities which the business association and local board alike have been keen to realise.

- Upper Harbour Local Board backed the PopUp Business School initiative. Said Margaret, *“We’re working with the community towards a prosperous and innovative local economy, where residents can live and work locally. The course will equip our passionate local entrepreneurs with practical tools to do just that, by growing their own businesses.”*

Upper Harbour is an amazing place to live, work and play, and we will ensure that this remains the case as we grow and change at pace.

### You may also be interested in:

UHLB Deputy Chair [Lisa Whyte](#)

BNH (former) GM [Janine Brinsdon](#)

BNH Chair [Peter Lamberton](#)



Mayor Phil Goff presented to Business North Harbour members in August 2017.